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Kansas, Arizona sue to modify voting

Shelton Burch staff writer

Kansas and Arizona have partnered up in suing the Election Assistance Commission, the federal organization that controls and modifies the federal voter registration form. The states seek to force the EAC to modify the state-specif-

ic instructions for each state. According to the lawsuit documents provided by Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach's office, the lawsuit was filed on Aug. 21 in the United States District Court for the District of Kansas.

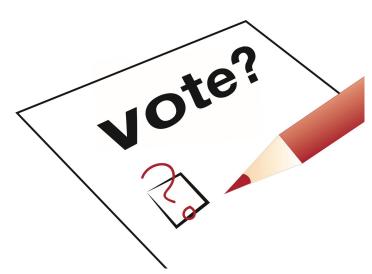
An issue in the lawsuit is whether or not states can require a person to prove U.S. citizenship in federal elections. The two states want the EAC to add special instructions to the Kansas and Arizona sections of the federal voter registration form, which would allow both states to require voters to prove their citizenship when first registering to vote in both federal and state elections. Proposition 200 was passed in Arizona in 2004, which began requiring Arizona citizens to provide proof of citizenship when registering to vote in state elections. Kansas passed a similar law, HB 2067 in 2011. Kansas' law began requiring Kansas residents to prove citizenship on Jan. 1 of this year,

according to the lawsuit. Reggie Robinson, director for

the Center of Law and Government at Washburn University, said part of the reason this became an issue was because of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, which authorized the Commission of the EAC to create the federal voter registration form. That law, Robinson said, forced all states to accept and use the same form to register to vote in federal elec-tions. The form itself only requires a person to mark that they are a citizen of the U.S. and sign under penalty of perjury, in other words lying under oath.

Šo 2013 Kansas law says you can't register unless you have documentary proof of citizen-ship," Robinson said. "This already existing federal law says you can register for federal elections only by completing and filling out this form which does not require documentary proof of citizenship and which every state must accept and use for federal registration purpos-

Robinson said that was how things stood until this summer when the U.S. Supreme Court decided Arizona versus Inter Tribal Council Of Arizona. According to Robinson, Arizona law at that time required a person to show documentary proof of citizenship to vote in state and federal elections, and further required the state of Arizona to reject ballots from those



who hadn't provided necessary citizenship documentation.

This led to confusion in Arizona election officials. When voters in Arizona turned in their registration forms and testified that they were citizens - satisfying the federal law – but didn't turn in citizenship documentation, the election officials were stuck between two laws. Arizona law required the officials to reject the ballots, while federal law required them to accept the

'That was the conflict, and that was the issue that got resolved in the summer," Robinson said. "In the Supreme Court decision, that sort of decided this Arizona controversy, the Supreme Court said 7-2 Arizona can't do that. Arizona cannot reject those forms, Arizona has to use them. Arizona has to accept those who submit the

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Alleged kidnapping, other local crime briefs

Jon Parton

A male K-State student was arrested for allegedly kidnapping and attempting to sodomize a female victim on university property on Oct. 24. The K-State Police Department investigated a report of possible sexual assault, which led to the arrest of Jared Carr, 21, at Van Zile Hall Thursday afternoon. Carr, freshman in open option, was charged with one count each of kidnapping, aggravated criminal sodomy and criminal restraint, according to Riley County Police records. Bond for Carr was set at

Police arrested two men they believe are responsible for several vehicle burglaries in Manhattan. Cole Smykle, 21 of Fort Riley and Raymond Burrus, 20, of Junction City were arrested in the early morning of Oct. 27 in the 700 block of Osage for burglary and interference with law enforcement. The Riley County Police Department said the arrest of the men allegedly led officers to evidence and stolen goods that tied the two to 11 other vehicle burglaries. Bond for the

two men was set at \$6,000 each. Riley County Police investigated a vehicle burglary that occurred in the early morning hours of Oct. 25. Manhattan resident Matthew Brown, 21, reported to police that several items were stolen from his vehicle while it was parked in the 1400 block of Nichols Street. Approximately \$1,000 worth of golf clubs and accessories were taken

from the vehicle, according to Brown. Kansas

suicide rate increases more than 30 percent

Jon Parton staff writer

According to a report released last month by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the state of Kansas saw the number of suicide related deaths increase from 384 in 2011 to 505 in 2012, a jump of 31.5 percent. The suicide rate is nearly five times that of the 2012 homicide rate from the

same report. Suicide was shown to be the second leading cause of death for Kansans within the age groups of 15-24 and 25-44 years of age. Nearly 82 percent of suicide deaths were male. Riley

County reported 9 suicides last year. The report comes during a period when funding has been reduced for community centers in Kansas. Sheli Sweeney, advocacy and member services coordinator for the Association of Community Mental Health Centers of Kansas, said the cuts have affected

the 27 centers that operate in the state. "We're being asked to cut back and we serve more and more people every year," Sweeney said. "Last year, our centers served almost 127,000 people statewide. I don't have numbers for this year, but it's expected to grow."

Community health centers are required to treat all Kansans, regardless of whether or not they can pay for the services. Out of all the Kansans who used a community health center last year, 53 percent were not insured. In cases where people can not afford to pay for treatment, state and federal grants pick up the costs.

Terry Becker, crisis services director for Pawnee Mental Health Services, said that the issue of funding has been a concern for their facility. The community health center has 25 percent fewer staff than it did in 2007, despite an increase in the number of clients. According to Becker, the center handled around 7,400 cases last year.

The cuts over the past year have certainly affected us," Becker said. "We are continuing to provide services for a large number of people and we had to cut costs. We've had to do two rounds of lavoffs.

In recent years, the state has shifted from relying on large institutions and hospitals to more community center treatment programs. The change was made to avoid long term hospitalization. Although this has expanded the number of clients in community-based centers, these same facilities have seen their budgets cut by more than \$52 million since 2007.

Gov. Sam Brownback proposed a new mental health initiative earlier this year that would redirect \$10 million

K-State ambassadors, homecoming victors announced

Lindsey Staab co-news editor

Along with the Wildcats victory over West Virginia, the victors of K-State's 2013 homecoming competitions and the 2014 student ambassadors were announced Saturday during K-State's homecoming game at halftime.

Chance Berndt and Ava Clark were presented with their commemorative rings by Aaron Otto, chair of the Alumni Association board of directors, as they were announced as the 2014 Student Ambassadors. Berndt and Clark will represent the student body at alumni and student events for one year and each receive a \$1,500 scholarship, as well as clothing from

Also announced were the winners of various homecoming competitions between student organizations, residence halls and greek chapters. Such competitions included spirit signs, sidewalk chalk, Pant the Chant, Paint the 'Ville, Wildcat Request Live, Wildcat CAN, the Children's Carnival, as well as parade floats and parade spirit.

Hannah Hunsinger | Collegian

Chance Berndt, junior in marketing and international studies, and **Ava Clark**, sophomore in industrial engineering, recieve rings from Aaron Otto at halftime of the homecoming football game on Saturday.



Results

Greek Pairings

1st place: Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Gamma Rho, Alpha Kappa Lambda, Alpha of Clovia

2nd place: Delta Delta, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Pi

3rd place: Pi Beta Phi, Phi Kappa Theta, Pi Kappa Alpha, Phi Beta Sigma

4th place: Kappa Kappa Gamma, Beta Sigma Psi, Delta Sigma Phi

5th place: Kappa Delta, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon

Student Organizations

1st place: Powercat Motorsports

2nd place: Black Student Union

3rd place: Japanese Yosakni

Residence Halls

1st place: Jardine Living Community, Goodnow

2nd place: Strong Complex,

Student injured in pregame skit; tradition under review



Shelton Burch

A member of the K-State cheer team was injured in a football pregame skit Saturday before the Wildcats took the field against the West Virginia Mountaineers. The skit, a longstanding tradition at K-State home games, involves a cheer team member dressed in the opposing with some assistance from trainers. He was secured onto a stretcher and loaded into an ambulance to a standing ovation from the ICAT student section. A statement released by Assistant Athletic Director for Communications Kenny Lannou said the student was taken to Mercy Regional Health Center, where he was evaluated and released.

"As a result, the Athletics Department is re-

"As a result, the Athletics Department is reviewing the practice of mascot skits..."

press release

team's gear being tackled at midfield by Willie the Wildcat.

The student ran to midfield where Willie tackled him at full speed. The student began exhibiting seizure-like symptoms immediately after ground impact, but was not noticed by medical personnel for several moments due to the nature of the skit. Trainers on the West Vir-

ginia sideline were the first to respond. Eventually, the student walked off the field viewing the practice of mascot skits and will determine the appropriate course of action going forward," the press release said.

Lannou would not divulge the name of the

student, but confirmed that there were no guarantees that the pregame skits would continue. "Everything is being considered," Lannou

Head cheer coach, Dannielle Ruoff, was not available for comment.

Emily DeShazer | Collegian

Willie the Wildcat tackles a member of the cheer team before the game on Saturday at Bill Snyder Family Stadium. The student experienced a medical problem immediately after the tackle and had to be taken to Mercy Regional Health Center shortly after.

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THE BLOTTER ARREST REPORTS

Thursday, Oct. 24

Jared James Carr, of Van Zile Hall, was booked for kidnapping, aggravated criminal sodomy and criminal restraint. Bond was set at \$5.000.

Brian Dale Petty, of the 200 block of Seventh Street, was booked for domestic battery. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Malissa Marie Yvonne Suchan, of the 200 block of Seventh Street, was booked for domestic battery. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Thomas Ryan Day, of the 2100 block of Patricia Place, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$399.

Suzanne Jordan **Hofman**, of the 1700 block of Mulligan Place, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,000.

William Burton Robinson IV, of the 1000 block of Fremont Street, was booked for violation of protection orders. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Friday, Oct. 25

Natalie Abigail Salcedo, of the 3300 block of Anderson Avenue, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Jacob Michael McRob erts, of the 900 block of Denison Avenue, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Zachary Jamar Brown, of Junction City, was booked for aggravated assault and criminal damage to property. Bond was set at \$7,000.

Andrew David Cole, of the 1800 block of Claflin Road, was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$750.

Jamilah Aisha Smith, of Wichita, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at

James Drum**mond**, of Abilene, Kan., was

booked for sale or distribution of hallucinogens or marijuana, unlawful possession hallucinogens nd use or possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Saturday, Oct. 26

Colby Eugene Patnode, of the 2400 block of Bent Tree Drive, was booked for driving under the influence and unlawful transportation of an open container. Bond was set at \$750.

April Evon Stone, of the 2100 block of Patricia Place. was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at

Kerri Jo Bellamy, of St. George, Kan., was booked for driving under the influence.

Bond was set at \$750. **Destiny Dawn Neumay**er Walli, of Riley, Kan., was booked for domestic battery

and unlawful possession of hallucinogens. Bond was set at \$1,500. Logan Quinn Abbott, of

the 1000 block of Bluemont Avenue, was booked for domestic battery, criminal restraint and criminal deprivation of property. Bond was set at \$3,000.

Russell Gregory Randolph, of Atchison, Kan., was to comply with an order and battery against a law enforcement officer. Bond was set at

Derek Michael Chambers, of the 700 block of Allen Road, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Sunday, Oct. 27

Sean Christian Barber, of the 1700 block of Laramie Street, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Christopher Banken Schroering, of San Diego, Calif., was booked for criminal trespassing and criminal damage to property. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Conisha Earline Lee. of the 1300 block of Marlatt Avenue, was booked for battery or criminal damage to property. Bond was set at \$2,000.

Iordan Suzanne **Hofman**, of the 1700 block of Mulligan Place, was booked for failure to appear. No bond was listed.



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Sean Frye sports editor

in Manhattan in 2010.

cially with everybody doubting me.

Transitioning from Miami and that fast-paced east coast lifestyle to Kansas and the Midwest can be challenging for anyone. But

Evans said he's handled the pro-

"I was able to adapt pretty good," Evans said. "Being in

Miami your whole life, sometimes

cess well.

POWERCAT

Women's basketball wins exhibition game over Washburn 85-64



Fmily DeShazer | Collegian

K-State true freshman guard **Leti Romero** lifts up a lay up around Washburn junior guard **Janelle Travis** and Washburn junior forward **Brittney Lynch** yesterday at Bramlage Coliseum. The Wildcats defeated the Ichabods in the exhibition game.

Adam Suderman

The Wildcats sealed the yesterday victory behind a 25-point, 12-rebound performance from freshman guard Leti Romero. Junior guard Haley Texada was just behind, finishing with 15 points.

"I'm happy with the start," head coach Deb Patterson said. "It was great to have a real bench and a lot of energy from everybody who had the opportunity to take the floor tonight. I just saw all kinds of

possibilities. The freshmen answered the call early and often for the Wildcats. Romero combined with forward Erica Young and guard Kindred Wesemann to score the Wildcats first 14

Romero's performance was highlighted by an ability to create offense, but it's what occurred outside of her offen-

Patterson. "I like the balance when you look at that stat line," Patterson said of Romero's performance. "Because you're getting some from the floor and you're getting some from the free throw line. And she rebounded the ball well. That's encouraging and I think all of that is good stuff to build off of."

Having played professionally in Europe, Romero's basketball background is very deep. But the new environment added a few nerves for the freshman.

"I had no idea how it was going to be," Romero said. "It's really different, but I really like it. I was nervous but I thought

we did a great job. The Ichabods hung tight for much of the first half, tying

the game at 21 with 7:09 left before the break. But the Wildcats answered

with a 19-7 run and the Ichabods were never able to bring the margin closer than eight points.

a struggle for the Wildcats as they finished under 25 percent. Despite making just seven of their 29 attempts, Patterson said it's encouraging to see the willingness to con-

knew how to create shot opportunities," Patterson said. And that was really what I had hoped for. I wanted to our spacing. I wanted to see us share the ball and feel as though we had some sort of continuity even though we're very young in it."

played at least 10 minutes. The trends are bound to continue and Texada said the added depth is an added bonus to this year's squad. The junior guard was a part of last season's seven-player rotation

"We actually get breaks and we're not used to that compared to last year," Texada said. "I know that whenever another teammate comes off the bench, we're all accountable for one another. There is an accountability that everyone holds. Everybody is confident in each other and it's good to have."

signs of one-dimensional play.

Three-point shooting was

In total, five freshmen

The Wildcats showed few

"It just makes you feel great," Patterson said. "You just feel like, wow this is going to be a fantastic year if everybody on this bench whether they're on the floor playing or they're sitting over with us continues to get better. You don't feel stuck and you don't feel like people are going to flat line. You feel as if there are a lot of different things we can do to impact the game. Everyone individually is committed to improve."

tribute offensively. "We looked like a team that

> Miami but has since transferred to KU, in Haymaker Hall his freshman year. He also redshirted his first season with K-State, the year the Wildcats made the Pinstripe Bowl. "Randall came out of nowhere," K-State senior linebacker Blake Slaughter said. "He was a walk on

to focus and get stuff right." After his redshirt season in 2011, Evans registered 11 tackles. His breakout performance that season, when K-State started 7-0 and went to the Cotton Bowl,

came against the Wildcats' archrival, KU. Evans had five tackles that game en "It was that adrenaline rushing in that football game," Evans said. "Being

young, I just wanted to get out there and

get my feet wet. Once I got my feet wet, I wanted to make the most of it." Evans' sophomore year is when he really broke out of his shell. In the Wildcats Big 12 title campaign, the defensive back made seven starts and played in all 13 games. He finished third on the team that season with 76 tackles, trailing only

Arthur Brown and Jarard Milo. His sophomore season is also when Snyder chose to award Evans a schol-

arship. However, Evans his time as a walk-on player made

"It was very good, me being a walk-on, it made me better, made me tougher, let me know that everything doesn't come easy," Evans said. Now in 2013, Evans is continuing to

make an impact as the team's main defensive back in the nickel package. He is first in passes defended with six. "He does a great job for us," senior

safety Ty Zimmerman said. "He's very consistent, and he's a guy that when he makes mistakes, he's going to go out there and correct them. Evans slipped up against Baylor this

season, allowing two huge touchdown passes as well as committing a personal foul that dampened the Wildcats' chances in that game. But it's that fire that was lit when

Evans was a walk-on that keeps him

motivated. That's what drives him to im-

wanted it, that really wanted to start."

elite defensive back.

ball team are prepping for their game against the Iowa State Cyclones. It was against Iowa State last year that Evans recorded a career-high nine tackles

"I still gotta act like I want it, I can't

get too comfortable out there, and that's

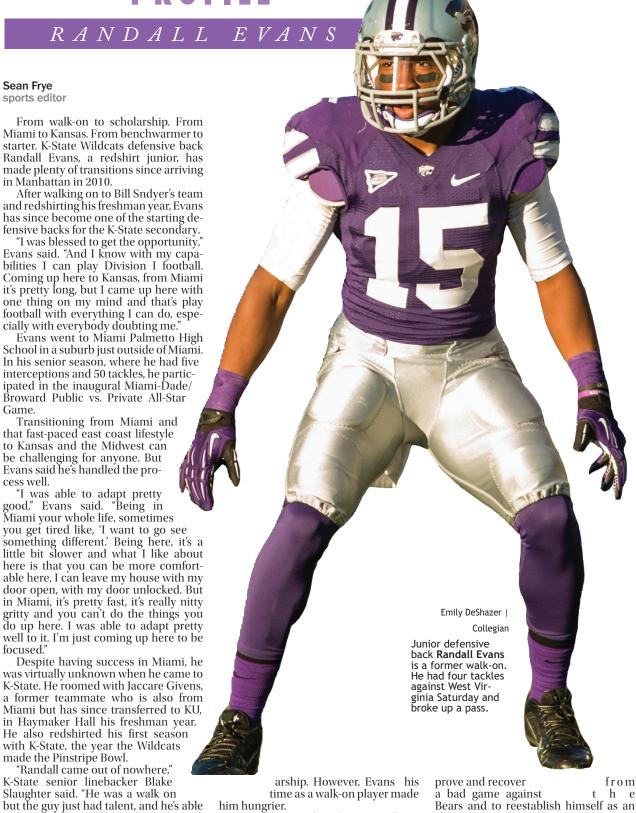
what I feel like I was kind of doing, Evans said. "I gotta go back to the old

Randall, the walk-on Randall that really

As for when Evans' career at K-State is over, he hopes to either make it in the

NFL or become a police officer. "My goals beyond K-State, if I can get a chance at the NFL that'd be great," Evans said. "I'm a criminology major so I might get in the police department. I'm graduating early, so everything is going pretty well. I'm just going to leave it in God's hands.

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Majority rule ignores minority mindset; checks, balances needed



Immediately after the shutdown ended, President Barack Obama had some choice words for the Republicans' political tactics:

"That's not what the founders of this nation envisioned when they gave us the gift of self-government," he said. "You don't like a particular policy or a particular president? Then argue for your position. Go out there and win an election. Push to change it. But don't break it."

It's a good taunt, but it rings with a bit of "tyranny of the majority," what John Stuart Mill called the "tendency of society to impose ... its own ideas and practices as rules of conduct on those who dissent from them." In Federalist No. 10, James Madison defended the idea of an American republic instead of a pure democracy because it protects against "factions," "a number of citizens, whether amounting to a minority or majority of the whole, who are united and actuated by some common impulse of passion, or of interest, adverse to the rights of other citizens." It's not hard for any of us to imagine a scenario where a majority group would make life miserable for the rest of the country just with a major-

While the president's comment about winning elections might not have been in the spirit of good representation per se, the Affordable Care Act has actually been a pretty good example of the checks and balances system. It was filibustered, but clotured and passed by both houses of a bicameral legislature, signed into law by a democratically elected president and upheld by the Supreme Court as constitutional - a bit surprising, given the current court's reputation for pro-business conservatism. It may be hated, and hated a lot, but at this point, it's hard to say the Affordable Care Act was illegitimate. "I don't like it," doesn't equate to "It's uncon-

Why do we even have separation of powers or checks and balances if not to prevent majority groups from changing the law to fit their interests? Look at the efforts in red states to find creative ways make it difficult for minorities to vote – no doubt because they tend to vote blue. In principle, a purely democratic society could allow any group to disenfranchise any other group with no consequences as long as they control 51 percent of a relevant governing body. Luckily, we had the court system as another line of defense for minorities who don't have the money and influence to protect their own

rights from the majority.
American government has



found another way to balance the 51 percent winner-take-all system with the filibuster. Both sides of the aisle have seen filibustering and sticking it to the majorities in recent memory. Also of note, just as one might expect, people seem more likely to think of the filibuster as a noble institution when the filibusterer agrees with them. Back in June, Texas Legislator Wendy Davis filibustered restrictions

on abortions and became an overnight sensation honored with her very own hashtag #standwithwendy. More recently, we saw Ted Cruz take the Senate floor for 21 hours, warning of the impending doom of Obamacare and reading Green Eggs and Ham.

It's hard to deny that the filibuster has been regularly abused since the '70s, and especially since President Obama took office. Nowadays,

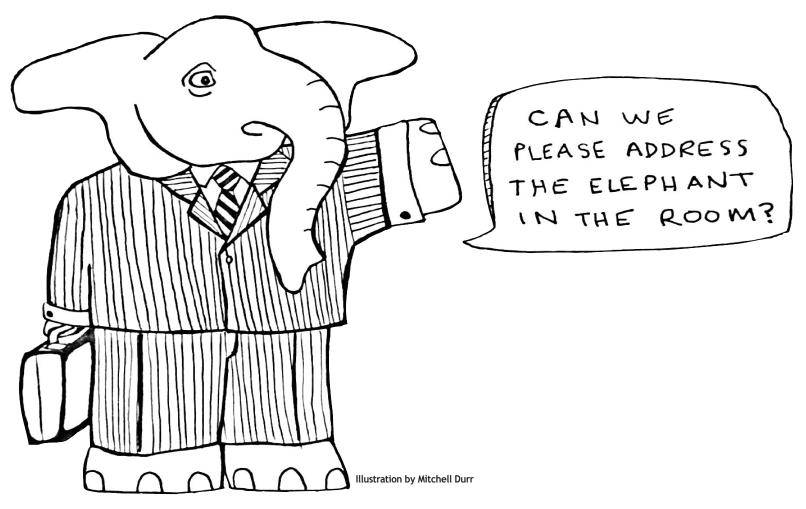
a quirk in the Senate rules allows a Senator to block a bill just by declaring intent to filibuster without actually holding the floor and talking for an ungodly long time. In the words of Washington Post columnist Ezra Klein, "... it shouldn't even be called 'the filibuster': It has nothing to do with talking, or holding the floor. It should be called the 60-vote requirement."

60-vote requirement." While many, myself included, are angry at the filibuster for all the difficulties it has caused, we don't have to get rid of it altogether. The filibuster could be reformed but still retain its usefulness as a standing ground for minorities when the issue really, deeply matters.

It's easy to think we should govern by majority rule when we're in the majority, but sometimes we have to cast ourselves in the minority to remind ourselves of the importance of checks and balances. John Stuart Mill argued that an essential part of liberty is making rules that we could live with if we were in the minority, and I think that's an essential part of America – that's the whole point of Mr. Smith Goes to Washington.

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More democracy needed; abuse of checks, balances evident





The system of checks and balances is intended to create a government that works in a fair way. It evenly divides power between the three branches of government, ensuring that no one entity has more say than any other. It aims to prevent what John Adams called "tyranny by majority," a scenario in which the decisions made

by a majority are so abusive to minority groups that they could be considered tyrannical or oppressive.

We recently witnessed an application of checks and balances with the 17-day long government shutdown propagated by the Republican Party's never-ending quest to derail "Obamacare" and the

subsequent failure of Congress to pass a budget. In practice, the GOP technically "checked" the executive branch correctly by protesting the president's healthcare law and its "individual mandate." However, they broke the government, held the American people hostage and abused the system of checks and balances in the process.

President Barack Obama challenged and scolded conservatives in the wake of the shutdown. He said, "You don't like a particular policy or a particular president? Then argue for your position. Go out there and win an election. Push to change it. But don't break it. Don't break what our predecessors spent over two centuries building.

That's not being faithful to what this country's about."

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This quote ignited a firestorm amongst house Republicans who say that the president would rather operate on an idea of pure majority rule, rather than the time tested system of checks and balances. They argue that by shutting down the government in protest of parts of the Affordable Care Act, they were "faithful to what this country's about" by implementing checks and balances and President Obama has disrespected the system by scolding them for using it. Óbama is right though: If conservatives want to change things they need to go win elections, not just cleverly use systems of government.

This country was founded on the concept of democracy. We all have a voice in how we want the country to be run. We elect leaders who we trust to make good decisions we as individuals would make. The repeated failure of conservatives to repeal, defund or delay the Affordable Care Act shows that at this point in time, the American people have decided that they want the law to stay. The majority of people that we democratically elected to make decisions for us, decided that the law would be beneficial to many more Americans than it would hurt. If there comes a point in time where the American people believe "Obamacare" needs to be changed or repealed, they will vote for the party willing to do so, but that time is not now.

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Collective Input exhibition displays traditional, contemporary student art

Megan Wheeler staff writer

Students and community members have the opportunity to view the works of various art graduate students in the "Collective Input" Graduate Student Exhibition at K-State's Mark A. Chapman Gallery located in Willard Hall.

Until Nov. 1, both traditional and contemporary art is displayed in the gallery, showing off student's drawing, metalsmithing, jewelry making, painting, printmaking, sculpture, painting, ceramic and photography skills.

Annie Her, freshman in fine arts, said art shows are important because they are expressions of style and thought.

"It's important to have exhibits because it shows the different ways [people] think about art," Her said. "Art people and students who have taken art classes often show up to art shows supporting their local artists and developing knowledge to use in

their own personal art." Her said she attends art shows to see what others perception of art is and how it varies from her own.

"I go to art shows personally to see people's style and see what they think art is and how they come up with it and the media they use," Her said.

Many artists undergo a lot of stress when participating in an art show; it can begin with whether or not their art will be accepted into the show, and making sure they have enough skills to be able to compete with the other artists. Most art exhibits require several pieces from each artist, placing a time cap on their creativity and a pressure to develop more ideas.

Orlando Petty, freshmen in electrical engineering, said he enjoys attending art shows because it showcases more than one artistic skill and provides recognition for their techniques.

"I like art shows because the artists are showing people their techniques," Petty said. "Artists put on shows to offer more than one aspect of skills. I find them quite interesting, makes me see people in a different light."

Currently, sculptures stand in the exhibit, and photos and drawings hang on the wall for all to view. Armando Rodriguez, freshman in electrical engineering, said the exhibit gives past art students, like himself, the opportunity to view art even though they no

longer pursue it as a career. "Art allows you [as an artist] to express yourself and art shows are a great way to see

those," Rodriguez said. Rodriguez said he made the decision to major in engineering, leaving art as a hobby and career on the side. He said art shows open many doors for students to become recognized as a well-known

"My work got recognized, and if I pursued art school I would have been able to get scholarships and possibly a full ride simply by showing my work," Rodriguez said. There are various reasons for hosting and participating in art shows, such as recognition, revenue or just for fun."

SUICIDE | Ten counties report suicide decrease

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the state already spends on mental health services to create five regional "recovery centers" across Kansas. Despite the move to community-based treatment, there has been no decrease in the number of patients at the state's three mental health hospitals, according to the governor's budget report for 2013. Meanwhile, information provided by Sweeney's organization shows that on average, it costs \$477 per day of treatment in a state psychiatric hospital compared to \$10 a day in Medicaid reimbursed community treatment.

Becker said that although she feels the gover-nor's initiative is a positive program, she worries

about funding for the community centers.
"When the governor took \$10 million and repurposed it for new programs, we have to decide, What can we not do with?" Becker said.

Pawnee Mental Health Services, which services 10 counties, reported a 13 percent decrease in suicides last year, a marked difference from the rest of the state. Becker said that her group has been proactive in treating mental illness in the

'We still have a lot of education to do," Becker said. "Pawnee has been providing a mental health first aid program. It helps people recognize the signs of mental illness. We're proud of the fact that police, teachers and even pastors have participated in the program."

David Kearns, training director for K-State Counseling Services, said that students facing depression or thoughts of suicide are always welcome to visit with a counselor. According to the department's annual report, nearly 9 percent of first time clients identified suicidal intentions as a moderate or significant concern last year.

"Students who struggle in any way are encouraged to visit," Kearns said. "We work around a tremendous number of [cases]."

Becker said that there are some false assumptions people may have about mental health.

"So many people do not understand a diagnosis is not a flaw," Becker said. "This is a medical condition and very treatable."

VOTE | Lawsuit seeks to change federal voter registration

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federal form as registered voters for federal elections in Ar-

This has led Arizona to create a voting system in which some people will be able to register to vote in federal elections, such as for the U.S. Senate and U.S. House Of Representatives. If nothing else changes between now and November 2014, some Arizona citizens will only be able to in vote federal elections, while other voters will be able to participate in local elections; such as city commission, county commission and supreme court retention elections. Which category a person falls into will all depend on if they show proof of citizenship when

registering to vote, Robinson said. Robinson said the decision the Supreme Court made in the Inter Tribal Council case did leave one alternative to a split voting system. In the opinion, the court said that even though states have to use and accept the federal voter form, they can ask the EAC to change the federal form so it

applies to state elections. According to the case documents, Kansas did just that. In a letter from Kobach's office to the EAC's acting director, dated Aug. 9, 2012, Kansas requested three changes to the federal form, the last of which explained the legislation passed in Kansas and requested the EAC modified the form to account for this.

Lawsuit exhibits show the first two changes involved updated the registration deadline for Kansas on the form, and changing some of the wording in the signature area. The last change requested, dealing with the citizenship requirement, was rejected in a letter from the EAC to the Kansas Secretary of State's office, filled as an exhibit in the lawsuit on the grounds that it "appears to have a broad policy impact and would require consideration and approval of th EAC Commissioners. The authority of staff to modify the state instructions is limited to issues that do not have any policy impact. As you know, EAC currently has no commissioners. Therefore, we cannot take any action on number three." The letter was filled as an exhibit in the lawsuit.

The EAC website shows that the commission that can make those decisions is currently vacant in all four positions. It is comprised of four members, no more than two of which can come from any single political party. Commissioners are required to be nominated by the president,

and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. "Even the Supreme Court said, as a footnote, 'Well now we know

that the four member EAC com-

mission is vacant, But we're not going to offer an opinion about what the state should do given that," Robinson said.

That has left Kansas and Arizona in the current position of contemplating the split voter system. Robinson said Arizona has decided to go forward with it, while Kobach is still considering it.

Eric Rucker, assistant Kansas secretary of state, said the split voter system is still just potential because the outcome of the lawsuit against the EAC is still to be decided.

'The whole idea of the EAC lawsuit is to prevent a bifurcated system," Rucker said. "If we win the lawsuit, then our requirements will be the same on the federal election form and the state election form.

Rucker also said that the current law only affects those that first registered to vote this year in Kansas. Everyone who was already registered to vote is still considered fully registered and capable of voting in both state and federal elections.

For those that are registering for the first time, Rucker said there are 13 valid acceptable forms of identification voters can use to register in Kansas for the state elections. Kansas also has a way for people without one of those to submit what they can, which will then be considered in a hearing and weighed as proof.

Rucker also said Kansas has mechanisms in place for Kansas natives. Kansas law allows those born in Kansas to get a free copy of their birth certificate if financial constraints make it impossible to purchase and it is to be used for voter registration.

"We've been as open as we possibly can in creating an election process where voters can register as easily as possible," Rucker said.

Kansas law currently requires voter registrations completed without turning in proof of citizenship to be labeled as "incomplete" until the voter shows one of the necessary documents. Rucker estimated that currently the number of "incomplete" voter registrations in Kansas is around

Bill Rich, James Ahrens Chair in Law at Washburn University, said voter citizenship requirement could end up coming back to haunt the Kansas Secretary of State. Rich said that the Secretary of State's office collected records of all citizens convicted of voter related offenses for a 13-year period leading up to 2010, and there wasn't a single conviction.

"So the problem is so minute in terms of actual evidence, and now we have actual evidence that the number of potential voters who will not be allowed to vote is extremely large," Rich said.

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Graphene research explores biological, electrical, chemical possibilities

Logan Falletti

Russian physicists, Andre Geim and Konstantin Novoselov, won the 2010 Nobel Prize for their work with graphene, a lattice of carbon only one atom thick and "virtually two-dimensional." Graphene has a large spherical molecular shape which gives it superior electrical and heat conductivity; the shape of the molecules are relatively closed off, meaning it doesn't react chemically with many substances.

"It's the thinnest material you can get," Geim said in an article by Stefanie Blendis from CNN from Oct. 6. "It's only one atom thick. A tiny amount can cover a huge area, so one gram could cover a whole football pitch. It's the strongest material we are aware of because you can't slice it any further. Of course, we know that atoms can be divided into elementary particles, but you can't get any material that is thinner than one atom, or it wouldn't count as a material anymore."

These properties make the uses for graphene virtually limitless. There are already plans to create longer lasting batteries, more efficient solar panels, thinner electronic devices and sponges for industrial oil cleanup.

Inserting graphene into plastics could reinforce them as well as make them conductive. Since graphene is transparent, it could pave the way for more intuitive touch screens and a more shatter resistant cell phone screen. Eventually, it could completely replace silicone chips in électronic devices.

Vikas Berry, assistant professor of chemical engineering, has been researching graphene at K-State. He had the chance to discuss his research with Geim and received a five year, \$400,000 National Science Foundation CAREER Award to pursue his research.

He focuses mainly on the biological applications of graphene, like the DNA sensors and bacteria transistors he built for earlier projects. He also developed a graphene cloak that covers bacteria under a high vacuum electron

microscope, leading to clearer images and water retention in the slide material that more accurately illustrate the sizes of living bacteria. Currently, he and his research team study the possible use of graphene

in molecular machines. Phong Nguyen, doctoral candidate in chemical engineering, tethered actuating molecules, the catalysts for starting a molecular machine and then recorded the results. By identifying which substances react the most to graphene, the composition of electronic batteries could be changed.

They've found graphene responds more sensitively than other substances to changes in the atmosphere. When graphene dots are placed next to each other on a hydroscopic microfiber, they can give readings through electron tunneling on changes in local humidity.

"These devices are unique because, unlike most humidity sensors, these are more responsive in vacuum," Berry said. "For example, these devices can be incorporated into space shuttles, where low humidity measurements are required. These sensors might also be able to detect trace amounts of water on Mars, which has 1/100th of the Earth's atmospheric pressure. This is because the device measures humidity at a much higher resolution in vacuum."

The research team is also looking into changing the substance on which they place the "If you replace this polymer with a polymer that is responsive to other stimuli, you can make a different kind of sensor," Berry said. "I envision this project to have a broad impact on sensing."

The research results from Berry and his team appear in a recent issue of Nano Letters in an article titled "Electron-tunneling modulation in percolating-network of graphene quantum dots: fabrication, phenomenological standing, and humidity/pressure sensing applications," and the journal Small in an article titled "Covalent functionalization of dipole-modulating molecules on trilayer graphene: an avenue for graphene-interfaced molecular machines."

New age of TV; online streaming sites prove strong competition at Emmys

Patrick White staff writer

In September, Netflix came home with big wins in three of the nine Primetime Emmy Awards it was nominated for. The big one was for David Fincher, who won best director for his Netflix original "House of Cards." The other two, for best casting and best cinematography, went to "House of Cards" as well.

Even though they lost to "Breaking Bad" for Outstanding Drama Series, the fact that "House of Cards" and its cast of new faces won awards says a lot. It is a big milestone for not only the cast and crew, but for all of ex-

clusive online streaming too. When KTLA, a CW affiliate, spoke with the cast and crew after the Emmys, they all laughed together about how they did not know they qualified for these awards. This win seems to answer some questions while opening the door to others.

KTLA asked if it was appropriate for the Netflix original to compete against the other shows. There is a lot of howling around Netflix because it does not release viewership statistics, so it is not well-known how many people watch the show. Dan Weeks, sophomore in agricultur-

al business, said it doesn't matter. "It's all about the show being good." Weeks said. "It is not about how many people watch it."

In agreement with Weeks. Christian Kauffman, senior in architectural design, said popularity of a show or program shouldn't define the quality.

"I don't know if popularity is the right measure for the quality of plot," Kauffman said. "If a show is developed well, popularity is something that comes with it. People want to watch good

As far as quality is concerned, why not Netflix? Netflix trumps the biggest cable subscriber company by nearly 5 million subscriptions. According to an article by Cliff Edwards from Bloomberg.com from Oct. 21, Netflix has almost 30 million subscribers for just streaming while Comcast has 25 million cable subscribers by their own business records.

In regards to budgets, Netflix

 $is\,doing\,well\,with\,its\,model\,of\,less$ is more with shows like "House of Cards" and "Orange is the New Black.

With Netflix's success, Kauffman said he hopes that it will continue trending.

"I think this is cool for the web series," Patrick Hutfless, sophomore in computer science, said. "I watch 'Red vs. Blue' and other web series that no one takes seriously.

"Red vs. Blue" is the comedic

"Spending that little money and later making real money is hard to beat, be it Netflix or otherwise."

Patrick Hufless

sophomore in computer science

"With this achievement, I think Netflix will continue to go with originals or pick up shows that were cancelled despite big fan bases," Kauffman said. "One I added to my queue recently was 'Arrested Development,' 'Firefly,' for example, is something they could bring back."

Other people are hoping for a bigger platform and recognition series, by Rooster Teeth, using the game franchise "Halo" as a make shift production studio that they add voice overs for. The show is currently showing season 11. There are other independent web series that, while at one point may have been overlooked. have received high praise in the rising

popularity of online streaming. "Freddie W just made a lot of money with "Video Game High School" and "Doctor Horrible's Sing-a-long Blog" a huge cult classic, [are both] now up on Net-

flix," Hutfless said. Freddie W, born Freddie Wong, is a partner in RocketJump Studios. The studio produced "Video Game High School" and "Doctor Horrible's Sing-a-long Blog" from KickStarter funds raised from fans. "Doctor Horrible" was a three part series made by Neil Patrick Harris, Nathan Fillion, Felecia Day and directed by Ioss Whedon. It was made in 2008 during the writer's strike.

"There is all of this online content that proves it is a successful business model," Hutfless said. "Hopefully, with Netflix getting attention from mainstream audiences with awards, Internet content will get some deserved attention."

Charlie Matthews, junior in biology, said this could be a boon

for others and a bane of Netflix. "Hopefully, it is a precursor for more recognition of web based shows," Matthews said. "I'm not just talking about the big names in digital streaming. I'm thinking

about all web based entertain-

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ment media. I think it would be more beneficial for the industry if smaller more indie web series can get more support, like 'Dragon Ball Z Abridged."

"Dragon Ball Z Abridged," a web based parody of the show "Dragon Ball Z," is run by Team-FourStar. Its YouTube channel was taken down only for the group to later return with their own website. Their YouTube channel was restored in May.

"At the same time, cable and broadcast would crack down on streaming," Matthews said. "Netflix works like radio does, paying licensing fees for content."

And pay it does. According to Hollywood Reporter, Netflix pays out around \$200 million for Disney movies and \$50 million for the "Lost" series." Price tags like this are why Netflix originals have small budgets and why Netflix does not have everything up on its site.

"These online shows have low production costs and are cheap to distribute," Hutfless said. "Spending that little and later making real money is hard to beat, be it Netflix or otherwise.

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